

I only gave us regular stamps this time, since I don't have any Air Mail, and they don't help anyway.

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Dear Harold,

Some interesting things have been happening down here, and I want to fill you in on them, in summary, without overloading you with details.

First of all, I have been in touch, by correspondence, with Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez of Texas, regarding his recently-announced desire for a new investigation. As I understand it, he is going to introduce a bill in Congress, on the floor of the House, and write it in such a way that it will be referred to the Judiciary Committee, which I think is an excellent place, for the truth to come out.

I vaguely know a member of that Committee, my own Congressman, Trent Lott. (He gave me a recommendation to law school early last year.) I say vaguely, because he is a Republican (elected in the Nixon '72 landslide), while I was busily campaigning for McGovern.

Anyway, he is a very approachable man personally, although, as you may have observed during the impeachment hearings, is philosophically oriented toward the rightist ideology. He was a strong defender of Nixon, until the fatal disclosure of the 6/23 tape. The day after it was released, Lott called for Nixon's ^{immediate} resignation, a surprising move, and one not necessarily for political reasons. You'd be amazed how far-out some of Nixon's defenders are, and they are in the overwhelming majority down here. The 5th district of MS went the heaviest for Nixon of all Congressional Districts in the country. In spite of this, though, I have reason for optimism.

Privately, I understand, Lott is embittered about the whole affair, and with good reason. Also, it takes a big man to admit he's been totally wrong. I could be completely mistaken, but this gives me reason to hope that he is now, with this experience and new knowledge, prepared to receive the truth and be open to the harsh reality that so many for so long have been unable to face.

I am right now working out an appointment with him for this weekend. He is to be down here on Sunday for a speech at a new mental health center dedication, and his district staff have been arranging for me to meet him in his office here.

My friends in Long Beach have been kind enough to sign a petition which I had prepared, calling for a new investigation of the conspiracy in the assassinations of President Kennedy, Dr. King, and Senator Kennedy. It is strongly but reasonably worded, and as soon as I can, I'll mail you a copy.

Appended to that I have attached a "Bill of Particulars," setting out some information, which is intended to intrigue him just enough to get him interested in looking further. I am having it typed professionally, and it will not be ready until Friday. As soon as I get it (I'm having ^{Xerox} copies made for you), I'll send it, along with the petition.

It makes a reasonable request of our Representative, and that is that he support the effort to re-open the case, and seek prosecution of the real assassins and conspirators.

More concretely, I have asked him to do one

Thing, which I hope you don't mind, and that is that he get in touch with you when he gets back to Washington. (Is that all right?)

Beyond this, I don't know what else to do but wait and see how the appointment goes - this weekend or whenever. If you think of anything, please feel free to contact me at the numbers below. Daytime is better, because I am in law school Tuesday, Wed., Thurs. + Fri. nights, from 6:30 to 9 pm. Also, please jot these numbers down.

I had had an appointment with LOTT 2 wks. earlier, but I had to cancel it. My grandfather died, and the funeral was on that date. It has given me more time to prepare and get organized.

I am ~~am~~ trying hard not to be too optimistic about all this, remembering the many crushing disappointments we've experienced in the past. But maybe we're getting closer toward identification and removal of the malignant tumor in our society that assassinated President Kennedy, Dr. King and Senator Kennedy. Our objectives must remain clear: to disclose publicly, honestly, and fairly, the full truth about the assassinations and cover-up, and to prosecute the real assassins and conspirators.

Hope this finds you well and in good spirits, my good friend, and that the day is not distant when ~~we~~ we shall again be together.

Your friend always,

Jim

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